

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method for treating a patient having a cancer with a combination therapy, comprising:

administering to a said patient suffering from cancer a therapeutically effective amount of a DNA methylation inhibitor that is 5-azacytidine or decitabine at a dose ranging from 1 to 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> per day, in combination with a therapeutically effective amount of a histone deacetylase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of hydroxamic acid, cyclic peptide, benzamide, butyrate and depudecin,

wherein the combination therapy ameliorates the cancer in the patient.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the cancer is selected from the group consisting of breast cancer, skin cancer, bone cancer, prostate cancer, liver cancer, lung cancer, brain cancer, cancer of the larynx, gallbladder, pancreas, rectum, parathyroid, thyroid, adrenal, neural tissue, head and neck, colon, stomach, bronchi, kidneys, basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma of both ulcerating and papillary type, metastatic skin carcinoma, osteosarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma, veticulum cell sarcoma, myeloma, giant cell tumor, small-cell lung tumor, gallstone tumor, islet cell tumor, primary brain tumor, acute and chronic lymphocytic and granulocytic tumors, hairy-cell tumor, adenoma, hyperplasia, medullary carcinoma, pheochromocytoma, mucosal neuromas ~~neuronms~~, interstitial ganglioneuromas ~~ganglloneuromas~~, hyperplastic corneal nerve tumor, marfanoid habitus tumor, Wilm's tumor, seminoma, ovarian tumor, leiomyomater tumor, cervical dysplasia and in situ carcinoma, neuroblastoma, retinoblastoma, soft tissue sarcoma, malignant carcinoid, topical skin lesion, mycosis fungoide, rhabdomyosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, osteogenic and other sarcoma, malignant hypercalcemia, renal cell tumor, polycythemia vera, adenocarcinoma, glioblastoma multiforma, ~~leukemias~~, acute myeloid leukemia, acute promyelocytic leukemia, acute lymphoblastic leukemia, chronic myelogenous leukemia, myelodysplastic syndrome, lymphomas, malignant melanomas, and epidermoid carcinomas.

5.-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8 1, wherein the hydroxamic acid is selected from the group consisting of trichostatin A, suberoylanilide hydroxamic acid, oxamflatin, suberic bishydroxamic acid, m-carboxy-cinnamic acid bishydroxamic acid, and pyroxamide.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8 1, wherein the cyclic peptide is selected from the group consisting of trapoxin A, apicidin and ~~FR901228~~ depsipeptide.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8 1, wherein the benzamide is MS-27-275.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8 1, wherein the butyrate is selected from the group consisting of butyric acid, phenylbutyrate and arginine butyrate.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein administering to the patient includes administering the DNA methylation inhibitor and the histone deacetylase inhibitor orally, parenterally, intraperitoneally, intravenously, intraarterially, transdermally, sublingually, intramuscularly, rectally, transbuccally, intranasally, liposomally, via inhalation, vaginally, intraocularly, via local delivery, subcutaneously, intraadiposally, intraarticularly, or intrathecally.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the DNA methylation inhibitor is decitabine and is administered intravenously or subcutaneously.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein decitabine is administered to the patient via an intravenous infusion per day at a dose ranging from 2 to 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

17. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein decitabine is administered to the patient via an intravenous infusion per day at a dose ranging from 5 to 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein decitabine is administered to the patient via an intravenous infusion at a dose ranging from 1 to 50 ~~mg/m<sup>2</sup>~~ mg/m<sup>2</sup> per day for at least 3 days per treatment cycle.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~histone deacetylase inhibitor~~ cyclic peptide is depsipeptide and is administered intravenously.
20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein depsipeptide is administered to a patient by continuous intravenous infusion for at least 4 hours per day for a week at a dose ranging from 2 to 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.
21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein depsipeptide is administered to a patient by continuous intravenous infusion for at least 4 hours per day for a week at a dose ranging from 5 to 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.
22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein depsipeptide is administered to a patient by continuous intravenous infusion for at least 4 hours per day for a week at a dose ranging from 5 to 15 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.
23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~histone deacetylase inhibitor~~ butyrate is phenylbutyrate and is administered intravenously.
24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 23, ~~herein~~ wherein phenylbutyrate is administered to the patient by continuous intravenous infusion for at least 2 to 3 weeks at a dose ranging from 100-2000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.
25. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein phenylbutyrate is administered to the patient by continuous intravenous infusion for at least 2 to 3 weeks at a dose ranging from 250-1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.
26. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein phenylbutyrate is administered to the patient by continuous intravenous infusion for at least 2 to 3 weeks at a dose ranging from 500-800 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.
27. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the DNA methylation inhibitor is administered prior to the administration of the histone deacetylase inhibitor.
28. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising administering one or more anti-neoplastic agent selected from the group consisting of alkylating agent, antibiotic agent,

retinoid, antimetabolic agent, hormonal agent, plant-derived agent, anti-angiogenesis agent and biologic agent ~~antibiotic agents~~.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the alkylating agent is selected from the group consisting of bischloroethylamines, aziridines, alkyl alkone sulfonates, nitrosoureas, nonclassic alkylating agents and platinum compounds.

30. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the antibiotic agent is selected from the group consisting of doxorubicin, daunorubicin, epirubicin, idarubicin and anthracenedione, mitomycin C, bleomycin, dactinomycin, and plicatomycin.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the antimetabolic agent is selected from the group consisting of fluorouracil, floxuridine, methotrexate, leucovorin, hydroxyurea, thioguanine, mercaptopurine, cytarabine, pentostatin, fludarabine phosphate, cladribine, asparaginase, and gemcitabine.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the hormonal agent is selected from the group consisting of diethylstilbestrol, tamoxifen, toremifene, fluoxymesterol, raloxifene, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, aminoglutethimide, tetrazole, ketoconazole, goserelin acetate, leuprolide, megestrol acetate and mifepristone.

33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the plant-derived agent is selected from the group consisting of vincristine, vinblastine, vindesine, vinzolidine, vinorelbine, etoposide teniposide, paclitaxel and docetaxel.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the plant-derived agent is selected from the group consisting of vincristine, vinblastine, vindesine, vinzolidine, vinorelbine, etoposide teniposide, paclitaxel and docetaxel.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the biologic agent is selected from the group consisting of immuno-modulating proteins, monoclonal antibodies against tumor antigens, tumor suppressor genes, and cancer vaccines.

36. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein the immuno-modulating protein is selected from the group consisting of interleukin 2, interleukin 4, interleukin 12, interferon  $\alpha$ , interferon  $\beta$ , interferon  $\gamma$ , erythropoietin, granulocyte-CSF, granulocyte, macrophage-CSF, bacillus Calmette-Guerin, levamisole, and octreotide.

37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein the monoclonal antibody against tumor antigen is HERCEPTIN or RITUXAN.

38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein the tumor suppressor gene is selected from the group consisting of *DPC-4*, *NF-1*, *NF-2*, *RB*, *p53*, *WT1*, *BRCA*, and *BRCA2*.

39-43. (Canceled)